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- (54) Pharmaceutical compositions for inhibition of maillard's reaction.
- Presented are pharmaceutical compositions comprising in admixture with a carrier a compound of; (a) the formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

$$R_3$$
 $R_1$ 
 $R_1$ 
 $R_1$ 
 $R_1$ 

wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are each hydrogen, methyl, trifluoromethyl, carboxy, methoxycarbonyl or ethoxycarbonyl, and  $R_3$  is hydrogen or hydroxy;

(b) the formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

$$R_3$$
 $R_1$ 
 $R_1$ 
 $R_1$ 
 $R_1$ 

wherein R, R2 and R3 are as defined;

(c) the formula (III) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

$$\begin{array}{c} R_5 \\ R_6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

wherein  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  are each hydrogen or form, by incorporation of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  carbon atoms, a condensed [2.1-b] pyridine ring optionally substituted with a hydroxyl group or a carboxyl group, and  $R_6$  is hydrogen or hydroxy; or

(d) the formula (IV) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

$$\begin{array}{c} & & & & \\ & & &$$

wherein  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  are as defined.

The compositions are used to inhibit Maillard's reaction in human body, the reaction which may be responsible for the development of diabetic complications and age-associated disorders. Methods of treatment and prophylaxis of such complications and disorders are also presented.



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